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Wal-Mart SUPERSIZES

Locals have mixed reactions about the Wal-Mart Supercenter set to open in April

By Bob Moser
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Everywhere it goes, Wal-Mart's yellow smiley-face brings a mixture of anticipation, fear and controversy with it — and the Wal-Mart Supercenter under construction on South Main Street is no exception.

Students and educators on campus have opinions on the mega-retailer, spanning a spectrum of respect and disgust that goes on without end.

But while some may be wary of the effects Wal-Mart's low-low prices could have on the local economy, most area businesses are fearless.

The Pharm — a discount grocer and pharmacy chain — has held its own in Toledo and Napoleon when Supercenters moved in because they've bettered Wal-Mart's "rumored poor customer service," according to Michael Dolt, store director of The Pharm on North Main Street.

Serving a customer base that's roughly a 50/50 split between residents and college students, The Pharm also offers convenient "purchase accounts," which segments of BGSU like the Athletic Department and Residence Life have enrolled in.

Organizations or departments can sign up for an account offering the convenience of loading up on items at the store, later paying one bulk bill to The Pharm's corporate office, Dolt said.

But criticisms of Wal-Mart's customer service don't hold much water when buyers keep coming back time and again, according to Philip Serghini, community affairs manager for Wal-Mart in Ohio.

"We have excellent customer service, and we'll let the 130 million customers per week speak for that issue," Serghini said.

After applying for a permit from the city in January 2005, Wal-Mart's contractor — The Pike Company of Rochester, N.Y. — began clearing out a wooded area directly south of the current Wal-Mart store on South Main Street this August.

This is where the Supercenter — which often includes a grocery, phar-

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With a foundation laid and the first cement block placed on Oct. 10, construction should be complete by April 2006, according to Mike Robach, project superintendent.

Twenty-one Supercenters have opened throughout Ohio so far in 2005, and neighboring small businesses are saying mostly good things.

"I think it's definitely helped bringing people in off the interstate."

SARA BETH WILCOX,
CAFE OWNER

Right off the I-75 highway exit in Wapakoneta lies a Wal-Mart Supercenter, built in April 2005, with smaller businesses surrounding it.

The Cloud Nine Café is one of those smaller businesses, and the sandwich shop's customer base has only grown since the Supercenter moved into town, according to Sara Beth Wilcox, owner.

"I think it's definitely helped bringing people in off the interstate," Wilcox said.

CAMPUS REACTION

Throughout the week, roughly 600 college campuses around the nation will hold screenings of a new documentary that aims to pierce through what many see as Wal-Mart's "community first" façade.

"Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price," will be shown 21 times this week on Ohio campuses — with showings here at BGSU this past Monday, and tonight at 8 p.m. in 308 Union by student groups Pandora's Box and the Organization for Women's Issues.

With Wal-Mart currently entwined in one of the largest class-action lawsuits ever against women, Instructor Chadwick Roberts brought the controversial mega-store into his introduction to women's studies course with a 2004 book, "Selling Women Short: The landmark battle for workers' rights at Wal-Mart."

"Wal-Mart customers are women, and those involved in this lawsuit are women," Roberts said. "Women in my class have talked about Wal-Mart in their business classes, but they've told me they've never seen this part of the story."

Jeff Stark, a sophomore and business major, knew about the arguments against Wal-Mart before Roberts' class — that female employees weren't given the same salary and promotional opportunities as men — but this class gave him a new perspective.

"I came to the conclusion that they're rather destructive for both women's rights and small communities," Stark said.

UNION STORES IN BG

With roughly 20 employees organized under the United

WAL-MART, PAGE 2

Illustration by Brandon Noble BG News

Man cited for domestic violence

Police respond to an incident in Kreischer-Ashley dormitory

By Holly Abrams
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

A Michigan man was cited for domestic violence and menacing after an argument with his girlfriend erupted in Kreischer-Ashley residence hall Thursday evening.

Campus police were dispatched to the dormitory around 11:40 p.m. Thursday.

Erick Vanrenselaar, age 23, of Shelby Township, Mich. was arguing with girlfriend Shelby Victory, freshman, prompting a resident to call police.

According to the police report, Vanrenselaar was Instant Messaging his ex-girlfriend on her computer and she proceeded to confront him. They began to argue and Vanrenselaar "got in her face and started pushing

her again."

Victory said the argument was over something personal to their relationship.

According to the report, neighbors complained about the noise coming from Victory's room, after which Vanrenselaar allegedly confronted the neighbors with a baseball bat. Victory said that she and her neighbors have had past conflicts and claimed they called her derogatory names prior to the police call.

When police arrived, Victory was found with red marks on her wrists and near her elbows. Victory denied Vanrenselaar touched her, and did not press charges.

Police confiscated the bat as evidence. Vanrenselaar said in the report the bat was being used as a crutch.

Vanrenselaar was arrested

KREISCHER CONFLICT, PAGE 2

Storms slam Ohio, delay football game

Lightning forces fans to take shelter and postpones kick-off

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Strong thunderstorms that pounded Indiana last night also affected Ohio, prompting forecasters to issue tornado watches and leading to the delay of a college football game.

The National Weather Service issued the alerts for central and western Ohio as the Indiana storms pushed east. Wind gusts up to 80 mph, hail up to an inch in diameter and tornadoes were possible, forecasters said.

There were reports of tornadoes touching down and damage across southern and central in Indiana, with some of the storms packing winds in excess of 100 mph.

The storms hit Indiana eight days after a tornado in the Evansville area killed 23 people.

In Oxford, about 30 miles northeast of Cincinnati near the Ohio-Indiana line, the start of Miami University's football game against Bowling Green State University was delayed by the weather.

Yager Stadium was emptied about 30 minutes before the scheduled 7 p.m. kickoff because of lightning strikes in the area, Miami athletic department spokesman Mike Harris said.

Fans took shelter in their cars or nearby Millett Hall, the school's basketball arena.

The next storm system to move through that area later was expected to be even stronger, said Dan Hawblitzel, a weather service meteorologist in Wilmington.

On-the-job injury prompts Yoder to start local pet business

Hobby-turned-job attracts customers from beyond Ohio

By Meghan Durbak
REPORTER

A \$600 sulcata tortoise named George was almost out the front door of Yoders Pet Store when Harold Yoder caught him.

After Yoder placed him on the floor, George wandered around as customers looked on.

Yoder hadn't always wanted to run his own business. He took a more indirect route to get to his current lifestyle.

In 1998, Yoder and his two sons returned to Bowling Green, the hometown he left more than 20 years ago.

After dropping out of high school, Yoder hitchhiked around the country for seven years, working at race tracks, dairies and horse farms, and painting high rises. Then he began a career in concessions traveling with carnivals.

Coming back to BG, he found

work at Turner Vault pouring concrete for burial vaults and manholes. Unable to work after injuring his back three years ago, Yoder was went on social security.

But he wasn't ready to be retired. "What do you do on social security? Sit around, drink beer and watch soap operas? I don't know," Yoder said.

But he did know that he wanted to work. Turning to Ohio Rehabilitation Services, Yoder obtained a ticket to work. He was still unemployable.

Because he had no control over when he would need to sit or stand and is unable to take pain medication, Yoder couldn't find a job. His family doctor suggested that he take his interest and turn it into a business.

That interest was aquariums and pets. Inspired by his sons' blue-ribbon winning 4H project, the single dad decided he wanted to run a pet store.

Ohio Rehabilitation Services



Pat Dorsman BG News

CLIP, CLOP: Pet store owner Harold Yoder holds George, a sulcata turtle. George costs \$600 at Yoders Pets and is one of many turtles available. The store offers other exotic pets such as black piranhas.

helped him through business school and obtaining a grant to give the business a jump start.

Since opening last December, Yoder hasn't had a day off. The store is open from noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday

and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"I really enjoy it. It feels like retirement even though I put in more hours than I ever though I would," Yoder said.

Hard work has paid off so far.

From only being able to rent the front room of the building, Yoder now has a garage and a house right in front of his pet store located on 1028 N. Main St.

PET STORE, PAGE 2

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BRIEFING
THE BG NEWS

**Suspect wanted for
gas station incident**

Early Tuesday morning at approximately 12:50 a.m., a subject at the Speedway gas station on East Wooster Street pumped gas into his car and then entered the station, demanding money and cigarettes. No weapon was displayed during the incident.

The subject left the station, traveling eastbound on Wooster Street. His car was described as an older maroon Cadillac with a vinyl top.

The subject was described as a white male in his early twenties. He is said to have a shaved head, weigh around 230-250 pounds and stand over six feet tall.

Anyone with information related to this incident is encouraged to contact the Bowling Green Police Division.

FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

THURSDAY



Snow
Showers
High: 37°
Low: 22°

FRIDAY



Snow
Showers
High: 39°
Low: 25°

SATURDAY



Showers
High: 47°
Low: 31°

SUNDAY



Few
Showers
High: 48°
Low: 32°

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Local businesses tout loyal customer base

WAL-MART, FROM PAGE 1

Food and Commercial Worker's Union Local 911, The Pharm is one of four union stores in Bowling Green touting benefits and salaries they claim support their workers' families in a way Wal-Mart won't.

Kroger, Meijer and Rite-Aid will all be competing with the Supercenter for grocery and pharmacy business, and are all organized by UFCW Local 911 — a union that definitely has an opinion about Wal-Mart.

But no controversy was raised by local residents or business owners when the city's Planning Commission held a public hearing in January 2005 for rezoning of the property that Wal-Mart wanted to build on.

Because the Planning

Commission relies on the people to voice their opinion when displeased with a zoning proposal, no uproar over Wal-Mart's request led to approval of the permit request, according to Ken Taylor, senior planner.

Every business — whether "big-box" or family-owned — must be given this same shake by the Planning Commission, said Taylor, regardless of the effects they may have on neighboring businesses.

"It would be unfair to discriminate," he added.

EFFECTS OF 'LOW PRICES'

The concession is easily made by UFCW 911 representative Bob Gilbert that Wal-Mart has "changed the way business is done in America" — but in his opinion that's what we should be

worried about.

Bowling Green shoppers enjoy the store's low priced products, but may not know that they are paying even more money through taxation to provide many Wal-Mart workers health care.

Forty-six percent of the children of Wal-Mart's 1.33 million U.S. employees were uninsured or on Medicaid, according to an internal company memo titled, "Reviewing and Revising Wal-Mart's Benefits Strategy," reported by the New York Times on Oct. 26.

Shouldering health care responsibilities so a corporation can increase profits is something Bowling Green taxpayers shouldn't stand for, Gilbert said.

But Wal-Mart does offer their employees health care options, said Serghini, community affairs

manager, while plenty of retail companies don't even do that.

"We do provide benefits. Are they the richest benefits in the world? No," Serghini said, "but we are trying to deal with this issue."

WILL SMALL BUSINESS SUFFER?

In addition to acting as a potential burden on BG taxpayers, Gilbert is concerned local niche merchants won't be able to compete with the Supercenter, which could further dilute the city's business tax base.

"Wal-Mart comes into a town like BG devastating the businesses that have operated there for years," Gilbert said. "Our hardware stores, our clothing stores, they just can't compete with a company that sells so low."

But for 29 years, Floyd Craft, owner of Ben Franklin Variety & Crafts located downtown, has been able to compete fairly well.

As the "big box" stores like Wal-Mart and K-Mart have come and gone over the years, smaller businesses like Ben Franklin's will always take an initial hit, Craft said.

But customers in Bowling Green have proven especially loyal to his stores, which include Ace Hardware and For Keeps gift shop in downtown Bowling Green.

Craft even champions Wal-Mart for choosing to keep their new Supercenter on the south side of town, because of the lack of businesses at that end of Main Street.

"That side of town would be in bad shape if they weren't there," Craft said. "So I appreciate them being down there."

Store offers exotic pets to customers

PET STORE, FROM PAGE 1

For a store often packed by people looking for exotic pets, Yoder hardly advertises. Originally planning to use billboards and newspaper ads, his business has spread through word of mouth.

People come from places as far as Monroe, Mich. and across the Toledo area to obtain pets like the litter and leash-trained lizard, a Savannah Monitor from Africa, bearded dragons from Australia and black piranhas from Peru.

In Bowling Green, Yoder said there is an entire apartment complex of people that come in all of the time so they can outdo each other's aquariums.

Brian Hartman, a junior, comes in once per week to buy crickets for the poison dart frog habitat he is building.

Laurie Harrison, a senior in biochemistry, was even more attached to Yoder's Pet Store.

"I kept coming in to get fish for my crawdad and I kept convincing Harry his tanks were dirty and he needed to hire me," she said.

Harrison has been with Yoder for eight months and controls of his spending and keeps the books straight.

Student Allison Peck, a marine biology major, also took advantage of the unique employment opportunity. She began working at the pet store before school started. Because of her expertise with aquatic life, Peck works at the store almost everyday. Neither student has a set schedule.

"I get to come and go as I please. School is first. He's like another dad and tells me he'll fire me if my grades drop."

With all of the exotic pets in the store, a customer approached Yoder and asked for one in particular. Yoder said he is always able to locate almost any pet desired, provided it falls under city ordinance.

Speaking of the requests, Yoder asked, "Where else can you get a Nile Puffer?"

Arguments a common occurrence

KREISCHER CONFLICT, FROM PAGE 1

and taken to the Wood County Justice center. He was released Saturday on personal recognizance.

A judge told him not to not cause, attempt or threaten harm to any person or property. In addition he is not to be on BGSU property.

Saturday, Vanrenselaar returned to the dormitory to retrieve some of his belongings, Victory said.

Returning to campus violated

the judge's terms for release. Police arrived and issued Vanrenselaar a citation for criminal trespassing and was sent back to the justice center.

Vanrenselaar was released early Monday when one of Victory's friends posted his \$250 bond.

An initial court appearance with an attorney is set for Nov. 21 at 2:30 p.m.

Victory said Vanrenselaar has since returned to his Michigan home.

"It's been a really rough week-

end," she said. "I don't really agree with this at all and it was just really a stressful weekend. I never had to handle anything with cops before."

Resident Samara Howland, freshman, said arguing between residents on the floor is common.

"It was actually mostly just irritating more than anything," she said.

Victory said she plans on transferring to a different school next semester because of the constant harassment from her neighbors.

Republicans may split appeals court

Large circuit size threatens court's effectiveness

By Erica Werner
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Justice Department is backing efforts by congressional Republicans to split up the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, the nation's largest federal appeals court and the frequent source of anti-Bush administration rulings.

"The department believes that dividing the 9th Circuit would improve the administration of justice," Assistant Attorney General William E. Moschella wrote in a letter released Tuesday by Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev., an advocate of breaking up the San Francisco-based circuit.

"The sheer size of the 9th Circuit has led to serious administrative difficulties

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Condoleezza Rice urges cooperation

Global terrorism forces unity among trading partners

By Anne Gearan
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice urged better cooperation among Asian trading partners facing threats of terrorism, adding that richer nations must help poorer ones in that fight.

"In the past year we have seen

that the threat of global terrorism is still very real, with vicious new attacks in Indonesia, and Russia and the Philippines," Rice told an opening session of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum.

"We must build on our new partnership to deny criminals and terrorists access to deadly conventional weapons," she said.

COOPERATION, PAGE 6

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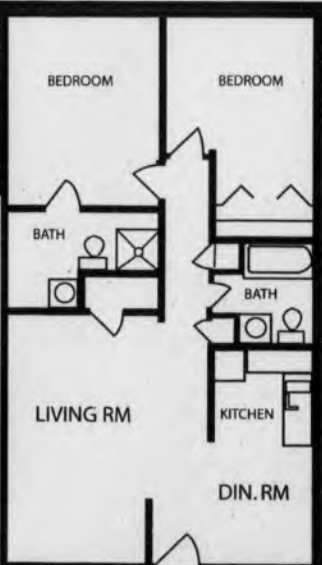
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AUSTIN, Texas (U-Wire) — Community college students facing challenges such as being a parent or a first-generation student work harder in and outside school, but achieve lower grades and retention rates, according to a University of Texas College of Education study.

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Jordan Flower BG News

RELAX: Sara Rettig, a junior deaf education major, enjoys a free massage on campus from the Gallery Solon and Spa downtown.

get a life

The calendar of events is taken from
<http://events.bgsu.edu/>

8 a.m.
Art Gallery: "Sculpture Club"
Union Galleries

8 a.m.
Kwanzaa Celebration Ticket Sales
A campus wide Kwanzaa celebration will be held on Dec. 6 from 6-9 p.m. in the BTSU Ballroom. Advanced tickets on sale at the Union Information Desk & the CMAI office. Get your tickets early! Discounted ticket sales end soon. Tickets only \$5 for BGSU students with ID and Children under 10-years-old and \$8 for all others before Nov. 28. All tickets \$12 after Nov. 28! Cash, Check, Bursar and department budget transfers accepted. For more information contact: Center for Multicultural & Academic Initiatives 372-2642
CMAI Office & Union Information Desk

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wood County Corps Information Days
Wood County Corps (WCC), an AmeriCorps program, invites you to learn more about the national community service opportunities in Wood County! WCC is also online at www.bgsu.edu/wood-countycorps/ or woodcorps@bgsu.edu
For more information contact: Ed Newman 372-9625
204 South Hall

10 a.m.
School of Art 26th Annual New Music and Art Festival
Fine Arts Center — Dorothy Ueber Bryan Gallery

6 - 8 p.m.
How 2: Scrapbooking
For more information contact: 2-9028
Union 316

6:30 p.m.
Why should I care about Habitat For Humanity?
Speakers Include: Dr. Theresa Mah, Ethnic Studies, along with the President and Publicity Chair of the BGSU Habitat Chapter.
For more information contact: lbylica@bgnet.bgsu.edu
Olscamp 111

7 - 9:30 p.m.
4th Annual Native American Unity Council Pow Wow
All are welcome, Free admission to all events. For more information contact: Dustin, dustint@bgsu.edu
Union Ballroom

7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
The Gender Frontier Mariette Pathy Allen is an award-winning photographer of the transgender community for over 25 years. She

is the author of "Transformations: Cross-Dressers" and "Those who Love Them and The Gender Frontier." Her presentation will be a slideshow of her work which showcases the diversity within the transgender community.
For more information contact: Joelle Ruby Ryan, joeller@bgsu.edu
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8 p.m.
"Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price" will be shown by the Organization for Women's Issues.
308 Union

9 - 11 p.m.
Full Moon Hike
The Full Moon Hike at the city of Bowling Green's own Wintergarden/St. John's Nature Preserve is one way to experience nature at its best! Along with hiking, our staff will share knowledge with you on the moon and outdoor recreation at night time as well as have some fun night activities for you to join in on. For more information contact: Humbe@bgnet.bgsu.edu
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(myway.com)

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OPINION

STAFF EDITORIALS

Customers still choose Wal-Mart

Wal-Mart is going to get bigger, and students' pocketbooks are going to be fuller when the new Supercenter opens in April 2006.

America's favorite scapegoat is the average college student's gift horse. It is en vogue to decry Wal-Mart as the villainous corporation that runs mom and pop stores out of town, then hires the locals for substandard wages and forces them to buy cheap products. However, many students turn around and run to Wal-Mart for their makeup,

YOU DECIDE

Do you think the new Super Wal-Mart is going to drive others out of business? Send an e-mail to thenews@bgnews.com and tell us what you think, or post feedback on our web site.

snacks, toilet paper and DVDs — all the essentials and non-essentials at lower prices. Obviously, many view Wal-Mart as a savvy business that services its cus-

tomers by keeping company costs low and therefore offering their products at a lower price, not as a malicious sweatshop.

The new Supercenter will most likely include a grocery and a pharmacy. As college students, we are constantly being squeezed from every direction to pay for rising tuition, books and sky-high gas prices.

The possibility of being able to afford cheaper meat and vegetables in a real grocery store, instead of in industrial sized

boxes of Ramen in the snack aisle at Wal-Mart, is a welcome announcement.

Ever wonder why your cable bill in Bowling Green is significantly higher than the bill at home? It's because there is only one cable provider to choose from here, whereas in most towns, competing companies drive down prices as they try to attract customers.

Most likely this will force bigger stores like Kroger and Meijer, who offer similar products, to lower their prices which will benefit stu-

dents even more.

The local Bowling Green small businesses that cater to niche markets and offer their unique products should not be significantly affected because Kroger and Meijer already compete for the more generic shopping.

The business owners are reportedly not fearful and the city Planning Commission did not report an uproar over their decision to approve Wal-Mart's permit request.

Wal-Mart still has some legal

troubles to sort out in regards to their treatment of women, and the public should be vigilante in insisting any company that discriminates or allows harassment be prosecuted.

If students really have a problem with Wal-Mart, they should put their money where their mouths are and shop somewhere else.

In the mean time, at least we will finally find out first-hand what the truth is, whatever it may be.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Some reasons for abortion not good enough

I am writing in regards to Ms. Abbott's article in the Letters to the Editors. I must question some of the thoughts that Ms. Abbott put into her article regarding choices that are out there.

When reading Ms. Abbott's article, I must question some of her options for choices.

She talks about married

couples that use birth control, however it fails. I am sorry that Ms. Abbott did not take into consideration that couples are warned before starting birth control that they run the risk that it may fail. I know the same goes for condoms.

With a choice, there comes a consequence. To have an abortion just because contraception failed, well I am sorry, you know the risks and now you must face the consequences for that choice to engage in sexual activity.

However, I do agree with Ms. Abbott on one thing. Rape. Forcing a woman to have sex

against her will is plain wrong. That would be only one of two situations where I feel an abortion is necessary. The second is if the life of the mother is in danger.

There is a fine line between having an abortion out of necessity and out of stupidity.

ROY MERCER
STUDENT

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What is the last thing you bought at Wal-Mart?



STACY RAMBO
FRESHMAN, APPLIED
HEALTH SCIENCE

"Halloween candy at the day-after sale."



ANNA GLETT
JUNIOR, ECONOMICS

"I avoid Wal-Mart if I can, but it is the only big store in my home town."



RACHEL WYCOFF
FRESHMAN, EDUCATION

"Wal-Mart is like a vacation to me. I bought razors, makeup, and a movie last time."



JESSICA COMES
FRESHMAN, EARLY
CHILDHOOD ED.

"I go there at least two or three times a week for everything like makeup, poster board, toilet bowl cleaner..."

U.N. often overlooks widespread abuse

There have been allegations of sexual misconduct by U.N. peacekeepers in operations around the world.

In the 1990s, the first reported sexual misconduct by peacekeepers was written off by the United Nations' top official in Cambodia, Yasushi Akashias, as "Boys will be boys."

The United Nations has been in the Democratic Republic of Congo since the '60s, and there have been 150 different allegations of rape and sexual abuse directed at 50 different U.N. peacekeepers by Congolese women and girls.

The Congo achieved independence from the Belgian government in 1960 during a tumultuous few weeks, but the country rapidly sank into civil war. In the late '90s, a total of nine neighboring African nations and about 20 different armed groups, like the Hutu rebels who were largely responsible for the Rwandan genocide earlier in the decade, used the Congo as their stomping ground for war. This war, lasting officially from 1998 to 2002 killed about 3.8 million people.

This whole time, the United Nations has been in the Congo. Now, as a final injustice to this beleaguered country, the United Nations is not just an idle spectator to the horror — it is the perpetrator.

Didier Bourget, a senior U.N. worker in the Congo had thousands of pictures of him with hundreds of different girls on his hard drive. One picture caught the moment perfectly, reportedly showing the victim with a tear still fresh on her cheek.

Bourget's lawyer reportedly has decided on the defense strategy of pointing out that this French officer is only one of the many involved in the pedophile ring, and that he is simply maintaining the disgusting behavior he pursued while on mission in a neighboring country, the Central African Republic.

In fact, the United Nations' own independent report finds that instead of being a few incidents that have left a stain on the U.N.'s otherwise "immaculate" record, sex abuse was found to be a widespread problem.

"The situation appears to be one of 'zero-compliance with zero-tolerance' throughout the mission," Jordan's Prince Zeid Raad Al Hussein, the leader of the investigative team, wrote in a report to the United Nations.

Of the 150-plus reported allegations of sexual abuse by U.N. peacekeepers, many of which involve bribing starving children

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with a mug of milk or a single dollar, only five U.N. staff have been dismissed. Only 77 military personnel and national policemen on missions have been sent home for "disciplinary reasons."

The United States currently pays a whopping 22 percent of the operating budget of the United Nations, and is assessed an extra \$6 to \$8 million per month for peacekeeping operations, like the ongoing Congo mission. These amounts do not include voluntary contributions and credits taken against a country.

Some members of Congress, angry with the atrocities that are being funded largely by our tax dollars, have proposed withholding funding until the peacekeeping missions are certified as free of sexual abuse. The United Nations warns that if the funds are withheld, it will only hurt the countries that are in dire need of peacekeeping assistance.

This argument would be valid if peacekeeping was what the United Nations is really selling. But the authority-sponsored rape and dehumanization of women and children is not peacekeeping.

"It is only when countries like Morocco prosecute offenders, they [the United Nations] say, that sexual abuse by peacekeepers can be stamped out," the BBC reported.

It begs the question why countries like Morocco, if they refuse to go after serial sex offenders, are even allowed to participate in these missions.

Personally, I am against the idea of the International Criminal Court. I can, however, see no better reason for its existence than tracking down and punishing workers who are on the payroll of the United Nations which gets its funding from 189 different countries.

The United Nations should adopt a policy that requires every U.N. worker to be culpable to the ICC for the duration of their term, so that all international sex offenders can be brought to justice. That is the only way the abuse of the world's most vulnerable will be "stamped out."

Place the blame on intelligence

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With Lewis Libby indicted and Karl Rove on the defensive, the war in Iraq continues to be an issue of contentious and heated debate around the country.

While most Americans continue to stand behind our troops, many are now voicing their discontent with the administration and the reasoning behind our invasion. Before the elections, Bush's approval rating was around 50 percent. In a recent poll, his approval rating is at an all time low of 37 percent.

In an effort to regain support for his administration, Bush forcefully attacked his critics, accusing them of "trying to rewrite history." Bush painted his critics as hypocrites trying to gain political advantage. This drew angry reactions from the Democrats and led to a back and forth about who was exploiting Veterans Day as a forum to promote an agenda.

The end result of all this is both sides trying to play partisan politics to bolster their support. What people seem to forget, however, is that we went to war with complete bipartisan support. More than 100 Democrats in the House and Senate, all of whom had access to the same intelligence, voted to support the removal of Saddam Hussein.

However, both Democrats

and anti-war critics continue to accuse Bush of manipulating evidence and lying to the American people. Bush responded to this claim saying, "these critics are fully aware that a bipartisan Senate investigation found no evidence of political pressure to change the intelligence community's judgments related to Iraq's weapons programs. They also know that intelligence agencies from around the world agreed with our assessment of Saddam Hussein."

Even the United Nations passed resolutions citing Hussein's possessions of weapons of mass destruction. This makes the U.N. also responsible for the invasion of Iraq.

In fact, some of Bush's most vociferous critics were once in full support of military operations in Iraq. John Kerry, who adamantly spoke in opposition while campaigning for the 2004 elections, voted to go to war, saying Hussein had "a deadly arsenal of weapons of mass destruction in his hand" and was "a threat and a grave threat to our security."

Seeing support fading from the American people, these same politicians turned their back on the president, claiming the war to be a mistake in order to bolster their own popularity.

What we can see now is a new kind of war. Americans are constantly in tune to what is going on, and much of what they see is negative. While the United States did not have complete U.N. support, our intelligence as well as that from around the world indicated that Hussein indeed had weapons of mass destruction.

Even the U.N. cited Hussein well over a dozen times. Much

of this is now overshadowed by media coverage and politicians trying to gain political clout.

However, the person in charge gets all of the blame. Even though the Democratic Party offered full support before entering Iraq, these same people have now turned their backs. In essence, they deserted once they saw unfavorable results and they act as though they played no role in the invasion. This is not only cowardly, but dishonest.

The "Monday morning quarterbacking" needs to stop. The focus of criticism needs to rest on the intelligence community, not Bush. Bush trusted his own intelligence and that from the world community; that fact alone neither proves him to be a liar nor a bad president.

If these same politicians are still calling for reform, then it needs to occur within our intelligence communities. In fact, Bush acted in the way most presidents would have acted with the same information. Any president with bipartisan support would have invaded Iraq based on the intelligence and accusation of weapons of mass destruction.

Unfortunately, Bush entered office at a difficult time. He went through the worst terrorist attack in our nation's history and one of the most contentious wars. It can be argued that anyone, whether Republican or Democrat, would have done the same thing.

We won't see the benefits of Bush's actions anytime soon, but if Iraq is ever stabilized, I think he will be revered as one of the greatest U.S. presidents of all time. Sometimes the greatest moments in history aren't realized until years down the road.

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Facebook more than a way of life

So, this week is the one-year anniversary of when Facebook first came to Bowling Green. I know, I know, it's hard to remember life before The Facebook.

I think if you looked at a master list of how people wasted their time and saw the average time spent on Facebook was like four hours, you'd be like, "Phew, I'm normal."

Have you ever met someone, and you've already seen their Facebook profile? You don't want them to think you're a weirdo so you play dumb and start asking them questions you already know the answers to. "So hey, what's your major?" Even though you know that it's like middle childhood education.

It always cracks me up when people say in their profile they are interested in "whatever they can get." I find that hard to believe. I mean, what if you walked up to them with like a dog?

Or sometimes I'll sign-off Facebook and just stare at the login screen like a cocaine addict



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looking at the edge of his coffee table, thinking to myself, "Well, I've really got nothing better to do right now," and then I sign right back on. That's when you know you're really addicted.

"You don't want them to think you're a weirdo so you play dumb and start asking them questions you already know the answers to."

The lower stages of addiction are the people who think they're "too cool" for Facebook. Obviously, this is a sign of denial. These are the people who like to be "different" and pretend not to like the site, even though they never gave it a fair chance to work its wonders in their lives.

Those people are essentially the non-users. That's the bottom part of the spectrum.

True addiction includes the people who view class as merely an obstacle that keeps them from Facebook, and who constantly check their friends' recently updated profiles, trying to figure out exactly what

TALES FROM THE DORMITORY



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was changed.

I even saw one guy who would take pictures out of a person's webshots gallery and then put them as the background on their computer (and no, it was not me).

That just goes to show how deep the addiction can go. If a person gets to this level, there is no turning back.

If that wasn't bad enough, now there's a new Web site called Xuqa.com, which is like the illegitimate child of Facebook and MySpace. You might have visited Xuqa before; if not, don't. You're not missing anything. It's whack.

Xuqa gives you 'peanuts' when you sign on to the site, which you then use to buy people fake gifts online. I think this is a pretty silly concept. It's not like you would get an E-gift and be like, "Aww, how sweet of them to buy me

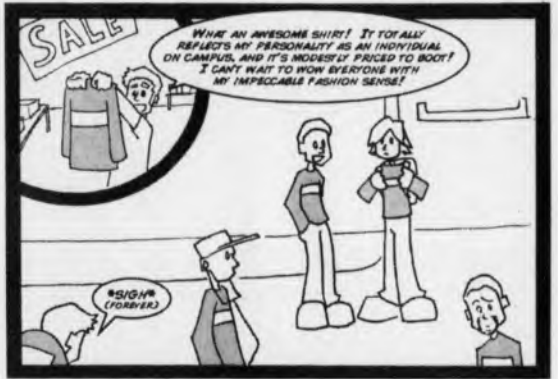
this fake beer. I'm really touched."

And besides that, who are you buying these gifts from that takes peanuts as currency? Are elephants running the market?

Facebook is a way of life; Xuqa is like one of those cheap Beanie Baby rip-offs you would get when you were a kid from one of your grandparents who didn't know what the difference was, and you still had to pretend that you liked it, even though you were thinking, "This sucks, this isn't the right thing at all."

Facebook is a freaking verb. You can't say to a person, "I'll Xuqa you," because then the person would be like "God bless you."

See Josh (jbenner@bgsu.edu) at the Black Swamp Pub in the Union tonight at 9 as he competes in the final round of BG's Last Comic Standing.



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'I like everything'

International students enjoy, adjust to the University

By Ashley Lumm
REPORTER

Bowling Green State University has academic programs and atmosphere that appeal to many students, including those half way around the world.

Maka Aligoli, freshman, said that the very appeal of the United States is what motivated her into wanting to become a student here.

Aligoli is a freshman at the University, but would be a senior in her home nation, Georgia, an independent country near Russia.

Through a non-profit, United States-based program called IREX—International Research & Exchanges Board—Aligoli was given the opportunity to travel abroad to further her education.

In order to be considered for the program, students are required to excel on a difficult exam.

"The first time I took the exam I failed. If it was not for my American teacher back at home, I would have never had the confidence to take it again," Aligoli said.

Of the 800 participants, Aligoli was one out of 16 who scored high enough to be considered for this program.

She is here for one year, and although she will not be taking any transferable credits back home, Aligoli will be taking with her an experience of a lifetime.

According to Aligoli, classes here are very different from those at home. Classes there are strictly lecture-based and very formal. Students are never required to do research papers, presentations, or group activities. They are graded simply on tests.

"Here, I like the group work and projects," Aligoli said. "I like the informality."

Not only do the classes differ, but the campus life does as well.

In the country of Georgia, all college students live with their parents. There are no on-campus living opportunities, and campus activities are limited.

However, that did not stop Aligoli from being involved.

Along with keeping up a 4.0 GPA, Aligoli works with the United Nations as a member of the Youth Democracy Club. She also took the initiative to create and organize her own Student Democracy Club at her university by receiving a government grant to fund the organization.

Although Aligoli's major at the University is international studies, English literature is her major at home.

Aligoli is editor in chief of a

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Instructor goes the extra mile

By Candice Jones
REPORTER

It all adds up.

University statistics and pre-calculus instructor Jill Van Valkenburg has made it her responsibility to do more than the minimum requirement for teachers.

After she finished graduate school here at the University, Van Valkenburg began teaching math courses. She had taught as a part of her graduate studies, and her decision to continue came from those experiences.

"After I taught, I saw that I could have a positive impact on people," Van Valkenburg said.

But for the past five school years, she has been more than a math instructor: She has been an ambassador to all of the math students she has had.

After she started her professional teaching career she realized that there was more to teaching than she had ever thought before — dealing with students inside and outside of class.

Van Valkenburg has made it one of her priorities to help students make it through their math courses alive. She feels that even though she is a mathematician, she can still relate to students and help them out.

"I'm not trying to turn everyone into a math major; I just want to say 'Hey, you can do this,'" Van Valkenburg said.

Math is a subject that many students dislike, but Van Valkenburg tries to make up for it by relating to them outside of the subject matter. She has a way of balancing the day's lesson plan with conversation and humor that puts students at ease.

And students are making the connection. Sophomore Brenton Lyles, is one of those students.

"Even though I don't like math, I still like her class," he said, "She is one of my favorite teachers."

She is often willing to go the

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Faculty work long hours for little pay

Demands on teachers' time often take more than 50 hours a week

By Lisa Halverstadt
REPORTER

Students who intend to stop writing papers and pulling all-nighters once they graduate shouldn't become college professors.

According to Don Nieman, dean of the college of arts and sciences, most faculty members at the University spend at least 50 hours a week teaching, researching, writing and if they can, compiling tenure documents.

"Teaching, when it comes to time, does not simply mean going to class and giving lectures," said Azfar Hussain, a visiting assistant professor of ethnic studies.

He said that students should be aware that instructors have plenty of work to do outside of class. They

must help students, grade assignments, read and write about their particular specialization.

The University suggests that instructors spend 40 percent of their time teaching, 40 percent of their time researching and another 40 percent serving the community. These expectations can be overwhelming.

Biology instructor Chris Winslow said that he spends at least 10 hours on-campus each day. "Unfortunately, work doesn't stop when I leave campus," he said. Outside of the classroom, Winslow said that he also practices his lectures for about two hours a week in addition to grading and creating class materials.

Despite the overwhelming workload, he believes his work is worthwhile.

"Although I find myself working 65 to 70 hours a week, I always look forward to coming to work,"

he said.

The dean of arts and sciences isn't surprised by the work ethic of an educator like Winslow. "We don't make faculty members punch the clock and as a result, they work harder," he said.

But just because faculty members devote their lives to work doesn't mean that their salaries are always sufficient.

An average full-time instructor like Winslow makes only \$36,459 a year. Nieman said he believes that amount should be higher.

He said that many faculty members could make more money doing research for businesses but that a passion for education keeps them at the University.

However, a passion for teaching information isn't the only element of college education. The most effective educators also share their personal experiences. Ethnic studies assistant visiting professor Azfar Hussain said that an educator's experiences can teach students about life in a multicultural society.

"Teaching, when it comes to time, does not simply mean going to class and giving lectures."

DON NIEMAN, DEAN

He believes that having educators with different backgrounds and ethnicities is essential because it creates a more inclusive learning environment.

According to the BSGU Fact Book, about 15 percent of the University's faculty members were racial minorities in the 2004-2005

school year.

But just because an educator devotes her life to teaching and sharing experiences doesn't mean that she will be guaranteed a job at the University next year.

Barbara Waddell, assistant vice-provost said that the University hires based on current need, and each instructor negotiates a salary with the dean of the college in which he or she is employed.

She said they are hired with the designation of tenure-track or non-tenure track. Tenure ensures a professor or associate professor job security in the form of lifetime employment.

Those hired as tenure-track educators have seven years to achieve tenure by submitting a binder filled with thousands of pages of recommendations, syllabi, published works and writings

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Accents affect students' ability to understand teachers

Diverse instructor backgrounds affect communication

By Matt Clark
IN FOCUS EDITOR

Accounting senior Matt Ruhlin is frustrated. He took two courses he describes as "highly related" back-to-back, Finance 300 and 304. The problem is he got an 'A' in the first one and a 'B' in the second.

If the two courses cover similar material, then why did he get a lower grade in the second? His explanation: the teacher's accent.

"I ended up with a lower grade in that class because I had a difficult time understanding that guy, even though I had covered the same basic material six weeks before that," he said.

Ruhlin is not alone. All 15 students interviewed for this article said they have either experienced or heard of similar complaints.

Neal Carothers is not surprised

by the figure. He is the director of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, which has staff from 26 different countries.

He said the first thing a student with such a concern should do is ask the instructors to repeat themselves more often. While many students fear being rude in such circumstances, it is actually quite acceptable.

"My experience is that they aren't the least bit embarrassed if we ask them to repeat," he said. "We casually don't think it is an insult, and neither do they. We do it but we say, 'huh?'"

Digital arts freshman Anne Miller agreed, stating that her Indian biology lab professor is happy to repeat himself.

The only problem with that, according to junior Paige Salamin, is that it wastes time in classes where accents are a concern.

"The accent didn't necessarily hinder my grade at all, but I think that there were a lot of times that

they had to repeat themselves," she said. "I think that takes away from class time where you could be learning useful things."

But beyond asking the students to be more patient, Carothers said, there is not much else he can do.

"It is not like I can just bring in a relief pitcher," he said, adding that it is rare for a student to be switched to another section of the course.

"Virtually every student that comes to see me, almost all of them are able to cope," he said. "Just raise your hand in class; ask them to repeat themselves. It is usually just that simple, and the problem tends to go away."

Even though a section switch is rare, he said several students still come to the department office on the second day of classes and claim they will be unable to learn from their foreign-born instructor.

He feels that a day or two is too short for most students to adapt to a new accent, but that

each student is different because each may be familiar with different accents. An Eastern European accent, for example, may be easier to understand than a Vietnamese one, because a student may have relatives from Eastern Europe.

"It is the familiarity with the accent that poses a problem," he said.

He explained a situation he faced when he moved from New York to Texas and students complained to their director that he talked too fast.

"Everyone has an accent," he said. "We just have different accents. Not everyone in the world can come from Ohio."

Chemistry and physics education major Kayla Yackee is in agreement with Carothers.

"As time goes on you get used to their accent by asking more questions, but at the time I was really disappointed at the University,"

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BRINGING THE WORLD: International teaching assistant, Ravi Somayajulu, is up front about issues concerning his accent.

Int'l students adjust to their new environment

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student-run journal, The Rose. It was named after the famous Rose Revolution that took place in the country of Georgia.

The same American teacher who motivated Aligoli to re-take the entrance exam also took care of getting a grant to make the journal possible.

The journal contains short fiction stories, poems and interviews.

Aligoli says the classes are much harder here than at home.

"I always got As, not Bs, but As. Here, when I got my first C, I wanted to cry," she said.

Tuition in Georgia is \$200 per year, but according to Aligoli, that is a large amount for her country.

The country offers limited scholarships, which are given out on an examination basis.

When asked what her favorite part of Bowling Green is, Aligoli responded: "Hm. I like everything... I like Americans."

Bettering their chances

Bruno Drummond, a senior, says that college in his home country of Brazil is also very different from Bowling Green.

Drummond went to an American, Catholic, private high school. His high school has a contract with Bowling Green, so out of the 24 students he graduated with, 12 attend BGU.

In Brazil, seniors must decide what they want to major in before they are accepted. An entrance

exam is required, and it is very hard to get into the programs.

One out of 9 students to take the exam for would-be business majors will be accepted to the college. One out of 40 are accepted into the medical field.

Brazil colleges offer no general education classes, but rather start right into major-related classes.

"I think sometimes you are better prepared in Brazil because my first two years here were useless," Drummond said.

Drummond is however grateful for the opportunity for free education here at Bowling Green State University.

Public universities in Brazil are also free to the students who get in, but the competition is very hard. Many of the students therefore attend private high schools to better their chances.

Totally different

According to Jorge Villarreal, senior, most students in Columbia also attend private high schools, but for different reasons.

"It is better to go to a private high school because every day you are guaranteed to have class," Villarreal said.

At many of the public high schools, teachers are often on strikes and classes are cancelled numerous times. Riots also take place at the public schools.

Villarreal had completed three and half years at a university in Columbia when he decided to work at Cedar Point during the summer to practice his English skills. There, he met a family that

convinced him to try out an American college.

Although Villarreal only had three more semesters left at his Colombian university, he agreed to come to Bowling Green for two years to finish his education.

Villarreal wasn't exactly expecting a city like Bowling Green.

"The study part is fine. Learning a new language, that side is okay," Villarreal said. "The other side — social, it is totally different."

Classes are easier here, but the language barrier makes it more difficult, said Villarreal.

Villarreal sometimes finds the college life here "depressing."

"In my home town, everybody knows everybody. People enjoy each other and are very friendly," Villarreal said. "Here, maybe you have acquaintances, but that is it. People just aren't open here."

According to Villarreal, the university he was attending in Columbia is comparable to Harvard.

It is located in a big city and is very expensive. Villarreal said it is roughly \$40,000 a semester.

"Only people that make good money can send their kids there," Villarreal said.

Villarreal's dad is a surgeon in Columbia.

"One good thing here is that everything is close and cheap. I miss my maid though," he said.



WORLDWIDE LEARNER: International student Maka Agioli, a native of Georgia, said she enjoys Bowling Green and likes Americans.

Instructor works 2nd job

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extra mile to help students with their course work. Another one of her students, sophomore Jessica Selders, noticed her willingness to teach.

"She is really, really enthusiastic about teaching and about math," Selders said.

For Van Valkenburg, reaching out to students comes naturally, but not necessarily free.

She estimates that she spends around 55 hours per week working. It takes time to prepare lesson plans, grade papers, teach classes and work with students one on one.

But then she can take a break over the summer, right? Wrong.

Each summer Van Valkenburg finds a summer job. In the five years she has spent teaching, she has spent five summers being a waitress, a sales clerk or a cashier.

Van Valkenburg said the summer jobs keep her busy when she is not teaching — and help out financially, of course.

"At some point in time, I have to think about increasing income," she said.

But when the summer is over, Van Valkenburg returns to her office in the Math Science Building. Co-Worker and fellow math instructor Mary Koshar has worked with Van Valkenburg for two years.

"She is so positive and upbeat, I can always hear her laughing in the hallways," she said.

Van Valkenburg is easy-going and fun to be around — something that may not fit the stereotype of a stuffy math genius — but she still takes her job and her students very seriously.

"I'm not just a teacher," she said "I'm a mentor."



JILL VAN VALKENBURG,
INSTRUCTOR

Teachers receive little, run society



MATT CLARK

In Focus Editor

It is interesting to sit and think back about all the teachers I have had over the years. I mean, it was great that they instructed me on so many subjects, but the

best things I learned from them often could not be found in a textbook.

Their quirks, humor, personality and other traits showed me how to survive in society, not just how to survive in the business world.

For instance, their views of the world have allowed me to become more considerate of

others. Some of them came from rural areas, others from big cities on the other side of the world.

One of the things I find especially interesting about University instructors is that most of them have either visited or were born in other countries. From them, I learn more about the world outside the U.S.

The world, it seems, that most

Americans have no idea exists.

I have also learned from my teacher's mistakes. Instructors such as Eckel, who was accused of threatening his students, remind me that controlling my frustrations is a life-long lesson and that getting to class on time is probably a good idea.

And after I think about how much they have provided me, I

become instantly frustrated at the lack of money being put in their pockets for it.

After all, teachers run the world. They control the economy's growth. They advise politicians. They show every craftsman their trade.

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she said.

According to Carothers, it is that disappointment that all departments of the University strive to prevent in the hiring of all faculty members, including those born in other countries.

"Everyone at the University, all departments have a responsibility

to provide good instruction," he said. "It is top on the list."

Every faculty member must meet minimum qualifications, he said. They supply letters of recommendation, partake in interviews and submit other credentials.

"We don't hire someone that we don't understand," he said, noting that the faculty member with the thickest accent in the department

is also one of the best instructors they have. "He has learned to communicate in spite of this accent."

There are many graduate students who end up teaching in the classroom as well.

In fact, despite a slight decline in the number of international graduate students enrolling since Sept. 11, 2001, 41 percent in the math and physical sciences are foreign-born, according to a survey done by the 450-strong Council of Graduate Schools.

International Teaching Assistants, as they are called, go through a more rigorous process in preparation for the classroom environment.

According to Dayna Herrington, Assistant Director of the English as a Second Language Program, all international graduate students for whom English is a second language must take a placement test that includes an oral interview.

Following the students' admission to the University, the ESL program maintains contact with their departments. When it

comes time for each ITA to enter the classroom, they are to take English 504, Communication Skills for International Teaching Assistants I.

The course covers how the teaching assistants should stress words and how American students use English.

Another course is offered as well, English 505. It is geared towards ITAs that are already in the classroom. The course tailors itself to each ITA, as they all may require help with a different skill, such as pronunciation.

Some ITAs may also be required to complete an accent reduction course offered by the Speech and Hearing clinic.

Herrington places some responsibility on the student as well. She stressed that students should speak slowly and look directly at the teacher so that he or she can see the student speaking.

Like Carothers, Herrington also suggests asking the instructor to repeat as necessary.

"I can't imagine any teacher

getting upset by that," she said.

Instructor Xiaojing Lu tells her students right at the beginning of the class that she has an accent and to try to bear with her.

"I never have any complaints with that," she said. "I am honest with them."

According to Vice Provost Alberto Gonzalez, who works mainly with admissions, instructors like Lu bring more than their accents.

"I would tell a student that is coming to BG to expect not only different accents, but to try to learn that the more we become accustomed to different accents and different ways of knowing we will have a broader understanding of the world around us," he said.

Carothers could not agree more.

"Think about how many international companies there are these days," he said. "Your boss could be someone from India. We need an openness and acceptance of the fact that people are different."

Tenure track achievable

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about their teaching abilities.

David Jackson, assistant professor of political science, is currently involved in the first stage of the tenure process. He said that while the process is very detail-oriented, the requirements are not excessive.

Jackson has compiled his tenure materials and is currently awaiting the review of the dean of the college of arts and sciences. If approved by the dean, he will be reviewed by the provost and then the president and trustees.

The dean of arts and sciences admits that applying for tenure can be a nerve-wracking process. "You've invested a tremendous amount in this career and it shapes your identity," he said.

But regardless of the stress associated with tenure and with careers in education, University faculty members believe that it is worth their time.

"The atmosphere of a college campus excites me," Winslow said.

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Bowling Green vs. Miami (OH) late night

As of deadline, the football game between Miami (OH) and Bowling Green was still in progress. The game was delayed for two and a half hours because of rain and tornado warnings.

The contest between the two could go a long way towards settling the tumultuous MAC East.

If Akron wins out, BG must beat the Toledo Rockets in the final regular season game of the season to win the division.

If Akron loses to Kent State and the Falcons beat Miami they can lose to Toledo and will still finish in first in the MAC East.

Prior to last night's game the Falcons had not beaten the RedHawks since 1997 — losing six contests in a row.

72 'Fins have little to fear, yet

TIM DAHLBERG

AP Sports Columnist

At some point during the next few weeks, Dick Anderson will grab a bottle of champagne, call up a few old teammates from the 1972 Miami Dolphins and propose a toast.

They'll talk about old times, share some laughs and finally, bid each other farewell, secure in the knowledge that for at least one more year, their record is safe.

Or so he hopes.

Anderson is nervous, more nervous than usual at this time of year. That's largely because he's been watching the Indianapolis Colts play football.

This, he fears, might finally be the team that does what only his Dolphins have accomplished in the history of the National Football League — finish a regular season undefeated.

"It's entirely possible they could do it," Anderson said. "They're certainly capable of running the table."

There's a lot of season left, of course — seven games, to be exact, for the Colts. And there are games fraught with peril against the likes of Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, San Diego and Seattle.

But people are beginning to talk. Sports radio is alive with chatter.

Reporters are beginning to ask The Question.

And Anderson and his former teammates are beginning to get just a little bit concerned.

"Records are made to be broken and one of these days someone will do it," Anderson said. "I hope it never happens in my lifetime, but it is certainly possible."

Anderson was a defensive back on the Dolphins team that went 14-0 in the regular season, then added two playoff wins before capping off the perfect season with a 14-7 win over Washington in the Super Bowl.

At the time, he and teammates such as Larry Csonka, Nick Buoniconti and Bob Griese didn't even realize no one had done it before.

They were simply trying to get back to the Super Bowl and win a ring after losing to Dallas the previous year.

If it's any consolation for the '72 Fins, the odds of the Colts winning out are slim. One bad call, one critical injury, one turnover at the wrong time and the streak is over.

Vegas oddsmakers are usually pretty good at figuring these things out and, while the Colts are an even-money favorite to win the Super Bowl, the odds are 6-1 against them going unbeaten.

Parity rules in the NFL, where even winning two in a row is an accomplishment. Nine in a row is an awfully nice streak, but winning 16 straight is just not going to happen.

It could be this week, or maybe next.

Soon, though, the champagne will be on ice in Miami.



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Blue Jackets trade for Ducks' Sergei Federov

By Rusty Miller
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Columbus Blue Jackets were in dire need of offense, so they went out and got one of the biggest playmakers in hockey.

The Blue Jackets acquired six-time All-Star center Sergei Federov and a fifth-round pick in next year's draft yesterday from the Anaheim Mighty Ducks for forward Tyler Wright and rookie defenseman Francois Beauchemin.

Team president and general manager Doug MacLean likened the acquisition of Federov to the free-agent signing this summer of defenseman Adam Foote, a mainstay of Colorado's Stanley Cup teams.

"The point of the deal is similar to our signing of Adam," MacLean said. "We have a lot

of young players, a lot of young kids with a lot of talent. We're adding a three-time Stanley Cup champion, a Hart winner, who still has a tremendous skill level and is excited to play. He'll be a terrific addition."

Fedorov was to fly to Columbus yesterday night and is expected to be in uniform when the Blue Jackets play St. Louis on tonight at Nationwide Arena.

The 35-year-old Fedorov, who will make \$6.08 million this year and each of the following two years, had one assist in five games this season for Anaheim, his second with the Mighty Ducks after 13 seasons with Detroit. He recently returned from a groin injury that sidelined him for 13 games.

MacLean expressed no concerns about Fedorov's health.

"He's one of the best conditioned athletes in the NHL, and always has been," MacLean said.

Blue Jackets captain Luke Richardson was at his daughter's hockey practice last night when some other parents showed him a wire story about the deal. He couldn't believe it at first.

He lamented the departure of Wright, but said the addition of Fedorov could have a major impact on the team.

"Fedorov is a world-class player," Richardson said. "He's great on the power play where he is so patient and that's something we really need. He's a great player

who draws a lot of attention, which should make everybody else out there better. And he's coming at a time when we need a little boost."

MacLean had been sorting through trades for the past few weeks, but said he was unwilling to part with any of the Blue Jackets' young talent. Columbus is last in the NHL with 34 goals and the pressure had risen on MacLean and coach Gerard Gallant in recent days.

"I think I may have mentioned that my job was on the line," MacLean said with a laugh of his talks with Fedorov about coming to Columbus.

MacLean said he scouted the Russian veteran in two games over the weekend, buying a ticket in the stands in Phoenix so as not to call attention to himself.

One other advantage to the deal is that Fedorov can serve as a mentor to the club's 20-year-old Russian star, Nikolai Zherdev. Fedorov has said that one of the highlights of his career was playing on the same Detroit teams with Russian standouts Igor Larionov, Slava Kozlov, Vladimir Konstantinov and Slava Fetisov. Zherdev is Columbus' only player from Russia.

Columbus had expected to contend for a postseason berth for the first time in the franchise's five-year existence, but is off to a 5-13-0 start. With 10 points, the Blue Jackets are next to last in the Western Conference.

Fedorov has 431 goals and 589 assists in 15 seasons in the NHL. The speedy Russian had a career-high 56 goals for the Red Wings in 1993-94, when he won the Hart Trophy as the league's MVP.

Understanding 'The Game'

Young players don't realize importance of Michigan vs. OSU

By Rusty Miller
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — In Anthony Schlegel's first two years at Air Force, the Falcons' most intense games were against the other service academies.

But nothing prepared him for the charged atmosphere of playing in his first Michigan-Ohio State game last November.

"Well, there were 105,000 people at this one, and everybody was going crazy," he said, shaking his head. "It was deafening out there."

"It was one of the best experiences I've ever had playing college football," said the native Texan, who transferred to Ohio State after two years at Air Force, and will be in the starting lineup Saturday when the ninth-ranked Buckeyes and No. 17 Wolverines meet for the 102nd time.

Like most top programs, Michigan and Ohio State draw players from several states. As a result, many recruits come in without a feel for the traditions and history of what is commonly called "The Game" in both states.

"For the guys who are going into it for the first time, there are a lot of things that they don't know yet," Michigan coach Lloyd Carr said. "And they're going to find out in a hurry."

Like Schlegel, Michigan's Grant Mason started his college career elsewhere. A Michigan native, he played two seasons at cornerback for Stanford. The spotlight game for the Cardinal was the annual clash with Cal, the "Big Game," which also takes place this Saturday.

"In each one's area, they're big rivalries but I think on a national scale, the Michigan-Ohio State rivalry beats all other rivalries," Mason said.

Ohio State linebacker A.J. Hawk chuckles to himself every year when a freshman comes in who hasn't been a part of the annual showdown with Michigan, and has little knowledge of the game's storied past.



TOO MANY MEN ON THE FIELD: Columbus Police are positioned as a wedge to keep the fans from the goal post after Ohio State beat Michigan 37-21 last year. Ohio State will play Michigan Saturday.

"It's tough to explain to them," Hawk said. "Guys from out of state may have an idea of what it's about, but once you get here it's completely different. I know once I got here I realized how different it was — and I grew up an hour away from Columbus."

There's no question "The Game" is bigger in Ohio than in its neighboring state to the north. There are other red-letter days on Michigan's schedule: in-state rival Michigan State, and the annual showdown with Notre Dame.

But Ohio has no real in-state rival and doesn't have an annual nonconference game. There is not an outlet, a distraction, for Ohio State fans who plan weddings and even funerals around when the Buckeyes meet the Wolverines. As a result, one Saturday in November becomes an obsession.

"We hear about it all season," Ohio State defensive tackle Marcus Green said. "People always ask me, 'Who do you have next week?' I'll tell them, 'San Diego State' and they'll say, 'You play good in that game

— and make sure you beat Michigan this year.' And, man, we'll still have five games left!"

Offensive guard Rob Sims said, "It's everything in this state. Everyone talks about Michigan and Ohio State. Every time I drive my car, people see me on the street and say, 'Go get 'em. Go beat Michigan.'"

Ohio State wide receiver Antonio Holmes grew up in Belle Glade, Fla., 90 minutes from Miami. In one of the Sunshine State's two big rivalries, he favored Florida State rather than Miami's Hurricanes.

CROSS COUNTRY

Taking steps for future to end season

Coach sees positive steps both this season and for the future

By Adam Miezyn
REPORTER

Some seasons last forever in a fan's mind. Others are forgettable, as their team is busy rebuilding and not finishing high in the standings. This year, the BGSU Men's Cross Country team had a little of both.

Their season concluded this past weekend in Bloomington, Ind. at the Regional qualifying with a 27th place finish as a team. The Great Lakes Regional turned out to have perfect weather for an early November afternoon.

Rogers Kipchumba led the BGSU team, as he has all year, finishing with a time of 33:45 for the 10,000-meter race. The Falcons also had strong finishes from Edgar Ramirez (35:24), Aaron Smuda (35:50) and Bryan Jackson (35:51).

"Since a full team hadn't gone to regionals in a while, I feel as though just by taking a full team we achieved one of our expectations for the season," said Smuda. "I think the team was hoping to do better at MAC's than we did but we did, improve our place from last year."

The team believes its finish will help them toward next year — 2006 is supposed to be the year that BGSU makes its big jump in the MAC, according to Coach Cami Wells.

"We have a group of young men who are motivated to work hard and improve and we are going to be adding some solid recruits to the team," Coach Wells said. "The combination of those two factors will mean great things for the men's team next fall."

With the future looking brighter each race this season, the Falcons believe that their tough season will help define them as runners next year.

Coach Wells said the course was very hilly and difficult, causing most times to be deceptively slower than usual. Some runners may have been disappointed in their individual times, but with the course they ran on, they should not be mad at all.



ROGERS KIPCHUMBA
SENIOR

MLB agrees to stronger steroid policy

By Howard Fendrich
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Major league players and owners agreed to tougher penalties for steroid use to a 50-game suspension for a first failed test, 100 games for a second and a lifetime ban for a third.

Baseball will also test for amphetamines for the first time starting next year under the deal, which must be ratified by both sides.

Baseball's current steroid penalties are a 10-day suspension for a first offense, 30 days for a second offense and 60 days for a third. The earliest a player

could be banned for life is after a fifth offense.

"This is an important step to reaching our goal of ridding our sport of performance-enhancing substances and should restore the integrity of and public confidence in our great game," commissioner Bud Selig said in a statement. "I appreciate the

effort put forward by the Players' Association and our players in reaching this new agreement."

After winning the NL MVP award Tuesday, the St. Louis Cardinals' Albert Pujols said he supported the tougher punishments.

Coach happy with competitive spirit

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"I thought that the men got out and competed hard," said Wells. "The goal was to give our seniors a chance to finish off their career at the regional meet and also to give our younger runners a chance to compete in a 10K and prepare them for the future."

The team will lose three of its top seven runners as seniors Bryan Jackson, Kris Lachowki and Steve Vairetta will graduate this spring. This past race

was the first 10,000-meter race for some of the runners so that may have also played a part in BGSU's low finish.

So for BGSU's cross country team, another season has passed and the program is getting stronger year by year. They are recruiting kids they couldn't get years ago, and they are running well in big races week after week. Pretty soon, maybe as soon as next year, the Falcons can begin to talk about something bigger: the MAC championship.

Congress pressures MLB to change policy

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the third time, I mean that's real bad, you should get abandoned from the game," Pujols said. "You shouldn't be able to be caught the third time because after the first time, if you don't learn from that, from 50 games that you sit down without getting paid, that's pretty bad."

The sport's second new steroids agreement in 10 months came after lengthy negotiations prompted by urging from Congress—including the threat of legislation that would require higher penalties and stricter testing standards.

"This agreement reaffirms that major league players are committed to the elimination of performance-enhancing substances and that the system of collective bargaining is responsive and effective in dealing with issues of this type," union head Donald Fehr said.

Representatives of the owners and players were on Capitol Hill on Tuesday to meet with House Government Reform Committee Chairman Tom Davis, R-Va. He's one of a handful of lawmakers who have introduced steroids bills—and it was his panel that held the March 17 hearing with Rafael Palmeiro, Mark McGwire and Jose Canseco.

At that hearing, Selig and Fehr were scolded for what congressmen called a weak penalty system for drug testing.

The next month, Selig made a 50-100-lifetime proposal.

The Players' Association appeared to pretty much capitulate to Selig's April demands, except for gaining the right to have an arbitrator review reinstatement decisions. Fehr was not available for comment a

union spokesman said.

At a Sept. 28 hearing of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., scolded Fehr in particular for not having reached a deal on a new steroids policy.

"We're at the end here, and I don't want to do it, but we need an agreement soon. It's not complicated. All sports fans understand it," McCain said at the hearing. "I suggest you act—and act soon."

Last week, McCain and Sen. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., revised their proposed legislation to soften the penalties from two years for a first offense and a lifetime ban for a second. The bill now calls for a half-season ban for a first positive test, one season for a second and a lifetime penalty for a third.

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FROBOSE RENTALS

Cardinals' Pujols named NL MVP

By Ronald Blum
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Albert Pujols won his first National League MVP award, beating Andruw Jones in a close vote Tuesday.

The St. Louis Cardinals first baseman ended Barry Bonds' four-year winning streak, receiving 18 first-place votes and 14 seconds for 378 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Jones, the Atlanta Braves center fielder, got 13 first-place votes, 17 seconds and two thirds for 351 points.

Chicago Cubs first baseman Derrek Lee got the other first-place vote and was third with 263 points.

"It's awesome when you hear people compare yourself with Barry," Pujols said.

Pujols was second in the NL with a .330 average, five points behind Lee, and hit 41 homers, trailing only Jones (51) and Lee (46). Pujols tied for second in

RBIs with 117, 11 behind Jones.

He played in 161 of 162 regular-season games despite being bothered nearly the entire season by plantar fasciitis, a heel injury that he also felt in 2004.

"There were some times when I got out of bed, I had to sit up before I jumped out of bed because it was bothering me so bad," he said.

The 25-year-old Pujols has put up remarkable statistics in his first five major league seasons, averaging 40 homers and 124 RBIs to go with a .332 average.

He was third behind Bonds and Adrian Beltré in last year's MVP voting after finishing fourth as a rookie in 2001 and second to Bonds the following two seasons.

Bonds missed most of this year with a knee injury after winning the award four straight times to increase his total MVPs to a record seven.

Jones led the major leagues in



James A. Finley AP Photo

NUMBER ONE: Albert Pujols had plenty of pop in his bat in the 2005 season. Pujols was named the National League Most Valuable Player.

home runs for the Braves, and batted .263. He has won eight straight Gold Gloves.

"I think he deserved it. The voting was the right vote. He was the right choice," Jones said. "He had the most solid season average wise, home run wise and RBI wise."

The Cardinals led the majors with 100 wins this season and breezed to the Central title.

Pujols was the driving force on a team that lost Scott Rolen and other key players to injuries.

Atlanta went 90-72 and won its 14th straight division championship. Jones was the only Braves player with more than 21 homers or 78 RBIs.

Pujols, who gets a \$200,000 bonus, won the 15th MVP award for the Cardinals, the first since Willie McGee in 1985.

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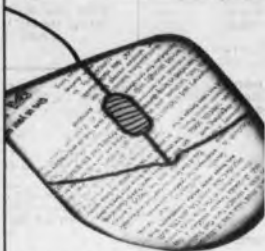
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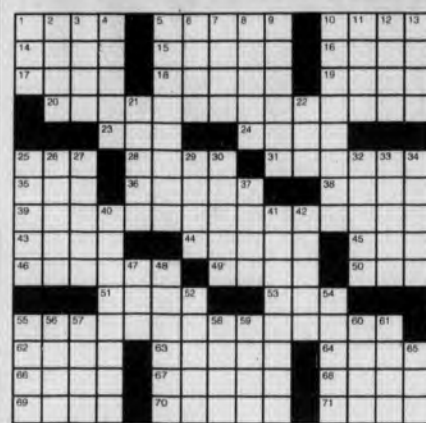
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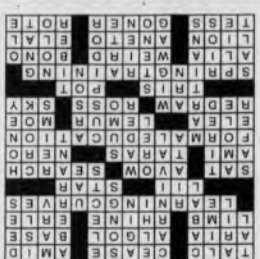


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1 Powdery substance
5 Put a stop to
10 In the center of
14 Opera song
15 Star in Perseus
16 Military post
17 Bough
18 Cologne's river
19 Contemporary of Agatha
20 Classes for pitchers?
23 IV times XIII
24 Lead player
25 Took a seat
28 Profess
31 Investigation
35 French friend
36 " Bulba"
38 Stout's Wolf
39 Classes for dressmakers?
43 Zeno's home
44 Madagascar primate
45 Shemp's tormentor

46 Make a new sketch
49 Diana or Marion
50 Kite backdrop
51 Speaker of Cooperstown
53 Prize money
55 Classes for clockmakers?
62 Inter _ (among other things)
63 Bizarre
64 U2 singer
66 Literary notable
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68 Airline to Israel
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